

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9214  
INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 05008

E.O. 11652  
TAGS: OREP (PRICE, MELVIN)  
SUBJECT: CODEL PRICE - WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES

1. GIVEN STRONG SOVIET FEELINGS ABOUT THEIR SACRIFICES  
DURING WORLD WAR II, RECOMMEND THAT THE DELEGATION HEAD AND  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AS DESIRED PARTICIPATE IN  
WREATH LAYING CEREMONIES AT APPROPRIATE WAR MEMORIALS IN  
ALL THREE CITIES. THESE WOULD BE THE PISKARYOV MEMORIAL  
CEMETARY IN LENINGRAD, THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER IN  
MOSCOW AND THE WAR MEMORIAL IN KIEV.

2. THESE CEREMONIES MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE RESPECTIVE  
MILITARY DISTRICT COMMANDS REGARDING PRECISE TIME OF PRE-  
SENTATION. ON MINISTRY OF DEFENSE'S ADVICE, WE RECOMMEND  
MORNING PRESENTATIONS AT 0930 PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE  
DAY'S CALLS IN EACH CITY: SUN, MAR 26 IN LENINGRAD;  
TUES, MAR 28 IN MOSCOW; AND FRI, MAR 31 IN KIEV. WREATHS  
ARE ESTIMATED TO COST BETWEEN 50 AND 60 RUBLES (\$75-90)  
EACH.

3. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE DELEGATION MAKE A BRIEF STOP AT  
APPROXIMATELY 1415 ON SAT, 26 MAR TO LAY FLOWERS AT THE  
LENINGRAD WAR MEMORIAL WHICH IS LOCATED DIRECTLY ALONG THE  
ROUTE ON THE WAY IN FROM THE AIRPORT. FLOWERS SHOULD COST  
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AROUND \$10.  
4. REQUEST CODEL COMMENTS. TOON

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